Profit earned by Navratna companies

†*23. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the status of 'Navratna' has been given to several public sector industries by Government in the country;

(b) if so, the names of those industries and the average amount of money earned as profit annually by each of those industrial units during the last three years; and

(c) the percentage of this profit as against the total capital invested in the industrial units?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) At present there are 9 Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) which have the Navratna status. These are:—

(i) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

(ii) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

(iii) GAIL (India) Limited

(iv) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited

(v) Indian Oil Corporation Limited

(vi) Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited

(vii) NTPC Limited

(viii) Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited

(ix) Steel Authority of India Limited

The Net Profit (NP) earned and the ratio of Net Profit (NP) to Networth (NW) of these 9 Navratna CPSEs during the last three years are as under:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Name of CPSE	2003-04		2004-05		2005-06	
	NP (Rs. crore)	NP/NW (%age)	NP (Rs. crore)	NP/NW (%age)	NP (Rs. crore)	NP/NW (%age)
1. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited	658.15	12.47	953.4	15.82	1679.2	23.00
2. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited	1694.6	28.97	965.8	15.12	291.65	3.19
3. GAIL (India) Limited	1869.3	25.11	1953.9	22.65	2310.1	23.16
4. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited	1903.9	24.59	1277.3	15.13	405.63	4.64
5. Indian Oil Corporation Limited	7004.8	30.49	4891.4	18.85	4915.1	16.81
6. Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited	1150.5	11.14	938.98	8.58	580.29	5.22
7. NTPC Limited	5260.8	14.58	5807	13.90	5820.2	12.82
8. Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited	8664.4	21.66	12983	28.03	14431	26.93
9. Steel Authority of India Limited	2512.1	53.92	6817	68.08	4013	32.40

Depletion of ground water

*24. SHRI DEVDAS APTE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some private agencies/plants are exploiting underground water that causes the depletion of ground water level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to impose fine or sanctions on the cold drink plants that are engaged in the depletion of ground water; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) to (d) The Government is aware of decline in ground water in various parts of the country. The decline in ground water levels in an area is cumulative effect of ground water withdrawal for all purposes including domestic, industrial as well as agricultural sectors. Central Ground Water Board monitors ground water levels on a regional basis and carries out assessment studies at watershed/block levels. However, a special study